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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 02 August 2005 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☐ entered.

b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.


c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

d) ☒ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

See attachment.


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Attachment to Response to Rule 312 Amendment


The amendment is denied of entry as the same reason given in the advisory action mailed on February 15, 2005 due to New Matter. Note that the instant amendment had been submitted on February 1, 2005 after the final rejection and was not entered.

Contrary to applicant's assertion, one would use equal to or less than 40.5% by weight of water when 59.5% by weight of a styrene-modified polyacrylate is used.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tae H. Yoon whose telephone number is (571) 272-1128. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thu.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vasu Jagannathan can be reached on (571) 272-1119. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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